SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR Symbol

(Middle)

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO

(Check all applicable)

[LUV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/21/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DR.

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities Deriva Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8) Acc (A) Dis (D) (Ins	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securi (Instr.
				Code V	V (.	A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	05/21/2008		A	1,0	000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Director} & \frac{10\%}{\text{Owner}} & \text{Officer} & \text{Other} \end{array}$

CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 2702 LOVE FIELD DR. DALLAS, TX 75235-1611



Signatures

/s/ Laura Wright on behalf of and attorney-in-fact for Dr. William H. Cunningham

05/21/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Southwest's common stock and may be settled only in cash.
- (2) Phantom shares settle on the 30th calendar day following the date on which the Reporting Person ceases to serve as a Director of the Issuer

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